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On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Roseville Police arrested two adult males suspected of felony promotion of prostitution. The arrests occurred during an undercover detail, part of the department's on-going initiative to combat human trafficking.

The Roseville Police Department has been committed to fighting human trafficking for several years. In 2018, the police department partnered with a number of community groups committed to making a difference, including the [Roseville Police Foundation](#), [Roseville Visitors Association](#), [Roseville Rotary](#), and [Grace Church](#). Working together, stakeholders developed a three-pronged approach to combatting human trafficking in Roseville: education, enforcement and rescue/recovery. This collaboration has provided financial support and resources to enable officers to increase enforcement of human trafficking laws, while adding educational components and an emphasis on victim rescue and recovery. The department has now completed two details. The first occurred on September 18 and focused on enforcement by arresting buyers ("johns").

The emphasis of Wednesday's detail was to increase opportunities and recovery resources for trafficking victims and to hold human trafficking predators accountable. The Roseville Police Department recognizes the incredible barriers and challenges involved with victims exiting prostitution. During the operation, Roseville Police partnered with [Source](#), an advocacy group whose mission is to empower victims to make an exit from sexual exploitation and build foundations for the future.

Roseville officers posed as buyers ("johns") and responded to numerous online ads promoting sexual encounter opportunities with females in the metro area. Within just a few hours, officers had received over 150 responses.

After arriving at a Roseville hotel and agreeing to engage in sexual activity in exchange for money, six women were connected with Source advocates. Advocates talked with the

women and provided them with resources and support to help them break the cycle.

As a result of the detail, two males suspected of human trafficking were arrested. There is an ongoing investigation to identify and hold additional suspects accountable. The cases will ultimately be forwarded to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office for charging considerations.

The City of Roseville and the Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission will be hosting an [informational presentation](#) on human trafficking on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Roseville Library. The public and community stakeholders are encouraged to attend to help raise awareness and prevent trafficking.